

community have kept many of the characteristics that have guided its growth over the past century. The entrepreneurial spirit that resulted in the early settlement of the area as a logging community remains intact today. Local businesses continue to proudly exhibit that same entrepreneurial spirit. For instance, Sherni's Candies in Whittemore continues to ship candy all over the country. Dixon and Ryan, the inventor of a unique tool used in NASCAR to measure wear on tires, continues to thrive. Turner Cheese Company continues to specialize in the creation of amazingly creamy and flavorful cheese.

The young people of Whittemore-Prescott High School have also achieved a number of notable successes that exemplify Whittemore's spirit. In 2000, the school won the state football championship. A number of students from Whittemore-Prescott High School have been appointed to the military academies that produce our nation's military leaders.

In addition to the local entrepreneurial spirit that it has preserved, Whittemore has also maintained its small town values. Community is important to the citizens of Whittemore and neighbors make a point of knowing each other there. For these reasons, while some businesses have left the town, the residents have stayed. The city's population in 1907 was about 500. Today, the population remains at a respectable 480. Moreover, many of the same families have remained in Whittemore. Some families have inhabited this small town for as many as six or seven generations.

Madam Speaker, while many people in Michigan, and most people throughout our country, have not have heard of the city of Whittemore, I believe there is much to be admired in the city's history and character. As this small town and its citizens celebrate Whittemore's centennial, I would ask that the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating this town and its past, present and future citizens on reaching this milestone and in acknowledging the city's place in Michigan's history.

HONORING THE LIFE OF YOLANDA KING

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness over the untimely passing of Yolanda Denise King, eldest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Coretta Scott King. Yolanda King, despite losing her father at the age of 12, strived to carry on her father's legacy of equality and justice for all. Despite her family name, Yolanda King used her own talents to affect social and personal change through her lectures and the arts.

Yolanda King was born on November 17, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, where her father was then preaching. She was born just 2 weeks before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus there, leading to the Montgomery bus boycott spearheaded by her father. She was just 10 weeks old when the King family home was bombed on January 30, 1956, as her father attended a boycott rally, but she was unharmed by the explosion. She

was 7 when her father mentioned her and her siblings in his 1963 speech at the March on Washington and she was 12 when her father was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1968.

After receiving a B.A. degree with honors in Theatre and African-American Studies from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, Ms. King moved to New York to earn her masters degree in theatre at New York University. She honed her teaching skills while working with young people at the King Center for Non-Violent Social Change in Atlanta, Georgia. Many of Ms. King's stage, television and film credits reflect her commitment to social change and include portrayals of Rosa Parks in the NBC-TV movie "King" (1978), Dr. Betty Shabazz in the film "Death of a Prophet" (1981), and Medgar Evers's daughter, Reena, in "Ghosts of Mississippi" (1996). Her most recent theatrical production was "Achieving the Dream" in which she portrayed several characters in the movement for civil and human rights, and was featured during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

In addition to her rich acting career, Yolanda King also carried on her parents' legacy through her commitment to raise awareness and enhance understanding about the importance of diversity. Ms. King addressed Fortune 500 companies and the United Nations as well as religious, civic and educational groups in the United States, Europe, and Africa. She was founder and CEO of Higher Ground Productions, a California-based organization dedicated to social change and world peace by advocating diversity and unity. She also promoted awareness through her writing. She was the co-author of the book, *Open My Eyes, Open My Soul*, as well as *Embracing Your Power in 30 Days*, a step by step, daily tool for personal growth based on her very personal experiences.

Yolanda King was honored with numerous presentations, awards and citations by organizations around the country and was named one of the Outstanding Young Women of America. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc. (the official national memorial to Dr. King) and was founding Director of the King Center's Cultural Affairs Program. She served on the Partnership Council of Habitat for Humanity, was a member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was a sponsor of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and held a lifetime membership in the NAACP. She was the recipient of two honorary doctoral degrees.

And so today I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Yolanda King's outstanding career and life achievements. Yolanda King dedicated her life to promote unity and nonviolence across the country and the world. She was left a strong and important legacy set by Dr. Martin Luther King and Coretta Scott King, but ultimately utilized her own abilities and talent to inspire people from all walks of life to reach higher ground, to motivate people to move forward, and to empower people to make a difference.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO REV. MARJORIE KITCHELL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. Marjorie Kitchell, who has dedicated 40 years of service to the Christian Center Church.

Rev. Kitchell, who moved to Boulder City in 1967 to begin her work with the Christian Center Church, opened the Christian Center Daycare and Preschool shortly after her arrival. The daycare, which is Nevada's longest running licensed daycare, and the preschool have proved to be valued and trusted centers of early education. Since 1972, Rev. Kitchell has served the congregation of the Christian Center Church as the senior pastor. In addition to her service to the people of the Christian Center Church, Rev. Kitchell was the past Boulder City Police Chaplain, has served on the Boulder City Juvenile Conference Committee, was the past president and a current member of the Boulder City Ministerial Association and currently serves as District Supervisor of her denomination's churches in the Henderson and Las Vegas area. In addition to her work throughout the community, Rev. Kitchell is the author of numerous articles and a book, *My Mother's Keeper*.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Rev. Marjorie Kitchell. Her work is commendable and I thank her for her dedication and commitment to the community and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF CITRONELLE MAYOR STANLEY HERRING

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, Citronelle, Alabama, and indeed the entire First Congressional District recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Mayor Stanley Herring, a devoted family man, was dedicated to the continued growth and prosperity of Citronelle—a dedication that was evident up until the very end of his life. Despite his months-long battle with throat cancer, Mayor Herring went to city hall each morning to attend to city business.

But, politics wasn't Mayor Herring's only calling. It was only after retiring from ExxonMobil Corp. as a technician that he entered local politics. An avid supporter of local youth and high school athletics—Mayor Herring, himself, was inducted into the Alabama Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame. He served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Memorial Baptist Church in Citronelle. In 1996, Citronelle elected him city councilman, a post he held until 2004, the year he was elected mayor.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a man who deeply loved the city of Citronelle. He will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Alice Leigh Herring;